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Our Case No. 9281- 3989
Client Reference No. N US00070

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kanada et al.

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Serial No. 09/851,776

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Filing Date: 05/09/2001

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Examiner: William T. Leader

For: Thin Film Magnetic Head Having Magnetic
Gap Formed of NiP

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Group Art Unit: 1742

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AMENDMENT B

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Dear Sir:

This is in Reply to the Patent Office Action, mailed on July 3, 2003 in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 3 - 6 in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Application No.09/851,776
Amendment dated September 24, 2003
Reply to Office Action of July 3, 2003

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Case No. 9281/3989 (N US00070)
Serial No. 09/851,776	Filing Date May 9, 2001	Examiner William T. Leader	Group Art Unit 1742	
Inventor(s) Kanada et al.				
Title of Invention Thin Film Magnetic Head Having Magnetic Gap Formed of NiP				

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Amendment B in response to Office Action mailed July 3, 2003 and return receipt post card.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for a _____ month extension of time.

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x 42 =		x \$84 =	
+ \$140 =		+ \$280 =	
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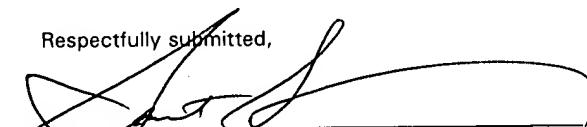
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I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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